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1. HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES AGREE ON 22.16 BILLION DOLLAR
MIL WEAPONS AUTHORIZATION THAT INCLUDES ONE BILLION
IN MIL AID FOR SVN FOR THIS YEAR (WP; UPI, NYT).
COMPROMISE BILL COMPARES TO 1.6 BILLION ADMIN REQUEST,
1.126 BILLION VOTED BY HOUSE AND 900 MILLION APPROVED
BY SENATE (AP, SUN). COMPROMISE BILL REAPPROVAL BY
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BOTH HOUSES IS CONSIDERED LARGELY FORMALITY (WP).
"BIGGEST SETBACK" FOR DOD IN MIL WEAPONS BILL CAME
IN MIL AID REQUEST FOR SVN THAT IS INCREASINGLY
UNPOPULAR ON CAPITOL HILL (WSJ).

2. SVN MIL SOURCES SAY COMMUNISTS SEIZE OVER 18,000 CIVILIANS TO ENLARGE FORCES AND POPULATE NEW TOWN, REPORTEDLY THIRTY MILES TO WEST, DURING BATTLE FOR DUC DUC. MIL OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN REFUGEES SAY VC USED 23 CAPTURED TRUCKS TO HAUL CIVILIANS AWAY (UPI, PHINQ; CHITRIB).

3. GVN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT ANNOUNCES SLIGHT INCREASE IN PLAGUE AND TYPHOID IN FIRST HALF OF YEAR, WITH 223 CASES OF FORMER, ELEVEN FATAL, AND 1446 OF LATTER, 17 FATAL, DIAGNOSED (AFP, WP).

4. ISAACS (SUN) FROM VIENTIANE REPORTS THAT AFTER THREE MONTHS, FRAGILE-BUT-SURVIVING COALITION HAS MADE NO MEASURABLE HEADWAY TOWARD REUNIFICATION OF LAOS, BUT HAS AT LEAST PRESERVED C-F AND "FOR MOST LAOTIANS THAT SEEMS ACHIEVEMENT ENOUGH." GOVT TOOK SHOCK OF SOUVANNA'S HEART ATTACK WITH SHIVER OF NERVES ON BOTH SIDES BUT NO IMMEDIATE CRISIS. SOUVANNA IS ONLY ONE WHOSE DECISIONS ARE GENERALLY RESPECTED BY BOTH SIDES AND HIS ILLNESS LEAVES POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS VACUUM, BUT NEITHER SIDE SEEMS ANXIOUS TO FORCE CONFRONTATION WHILE HE IS RECOVERING. MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES INCLUDE VIENTIANE SIDE'S DEMAND FOR NVA WITHDRAWAL, PL PROPOSAL FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRG, AND QUESTION OF HOW AND WHEN TO REPLACE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; BUT THERE SEEMS LITTLE PRESSURE FOR SWIFT DECISIONS, AND BOTH LAO OFFICIALS AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS EXPECT CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS TO BE SHELVED UNTIL SOUVANNA RECOVERS. POLITICAL IMPACT OF PRINCE'S ILLNESS HARD TO ASSESS, BUT OBSERVERS BELIEVE BOTH SIDES WANT COALITION TO WORK AND NEITHER WANTS TO ROCK BOAT TOO MUCH. GOVT SOURCE SAYS BOTH DEPUTY PMS, PL'S PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AND VIENTIANE'S LEAUM INSISIENGMAI, WILL PROBABLY AGREE TO CONFER PRIVATELY AND REACH AGREEMENT BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY ISSUES TO COALITION CABINET. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE PL WANT TO AVOID UNCLASSIFIED

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OPEN BREAK, SINCE C-F GAVE THEM STRONG VOICE IN GOVT AND MIL AND POLITICAL PRESENCE IN VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG. RIGHTISTS ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT COALITION -- YET SEEM TO HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REMAIN IN IT, SINCE BREAKING OFF WOULD MEAN RESTARTING WAR AND WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF US RESUMES MASSIVE MIL AID. US EMBASSY TAKES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVINCE RIGHTISTS (WHO BELIEVE PL WILL TRY TO TAKE OVER) AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT IT BACKS COALITION AND WILL NOT SUPPORT COUP.

ISAACS OPINES, HOWEVER, THAT FACTORS PRESERVING COALITION DO NOT MEAN HOSTILITIES AND SUSPICIONS

HAVE VANISHED. PL PROPAGANDA INCESSANTLY ACCUSES RIGHTISTS OF PLOTTING COUP, AND CHARGES US WITH MAINTAINING DISGUISED MIL ADVISERS AND THAI TROOPS IN LAOS IN VIOLATION OF C-F. EMBASSY DENIES CHARGE, SUPPORTS RIGHTISTS- CONTENTION THAT 50-60,000 NVA TROOPS REMAIN IN COUNTRY AND ARE MOST SERIOUS C-F VIOLATION. MOST NVA ARE ALONG HO TRAIL IN UNPOPULATED AREA, BUT ESTIMATED 10,000 TO BE STATIONED WITH PL.

KOREA

5. AP (SEOUL) REPORTS KCIA ESCORTED BISHOP CHI INTO CUSTODY AGAIN TUESDAY FROM HOSPITAL WHERE HE HAD BEEN STAYING UNDER HOUSE ARREST (CSM). WP'S OBERDORFER, IN SEOUL, RECOUNTS HOW PARK HAD SOUGHT MONDAY NIGHT "TO SIDESTEP" IMMEDIATE CONFRONTATION WITH KOREAN CATHOLICS BY POSTPONING CHI'S COURT-MARTIAL AT LAST MINUTE; BUT BISHOP "RESPONDED" TUESDAY MORNING BY DISTRIBUTING STATEMENT DENOUNCING "VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION AND FRAUD" IN PARK'S RULE, AND FEW HOURS LATER SECRET POLICE RETURNED IN FORCE AND TOOK CHI TO KCIA HDQRS -- WITH "NO INDICATION WHEN OR IF HE WOULD EMERGE."

OBERDORFER SUGGESTS DAY'S EVENTS APPEARED TO SET STAGE FOR SHARPENED CONFLICT BETWEEN GROK AND COUNTRY'S CATHOLICS. PARK MAY NOT BE WILLING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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LET DEFIANT BISHOP GO FREE WITH TAP ON WRIST FOR FEAR THIS WOULD SHATTER "PRESENT CLIMATE OF OBEDIENCE AND FEAR WHICH ARE KEEPING HIS CRITICS IN CHECK"; BUT ON OTHER HAND, STRONG MOVE AGAINST CHI RUNS RISK OF CREATING ALL-OUT STRUGGLE WITH CATHOLICS. PROTESTANT MINISTERS HAVE RECEIVED 15-YEAR PRISON TERMS FOR SAYING FAR LESS THAN BISHOP SAID TUESDAY. THUS, "LINE IS DRAWN SHARPLY, AS CHI NO DOUBT INTENDED," TESTING WHETHER PARK REGIME IS READY TO TAKE ON CATHOLIC PRELATE FOR SPEAKING UP IN DEFIANCE OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREES.

CHINA

6. UPI (HK) CITES NCNA BROADCAST SAYING PRC REAPED GOOD SUMMER WHEAT HARVEST, DESPITE SERIOUS DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN SOME AREAS. NO HARD FIGURES ON PRODUCTION GIVEN. BUT ACCORDING BROADCAST, CHINA STILL MAY HAVE TO IMPORT RECORD SEVEN MILLION TONS OF WHEAT THIS YEAR (WP, JOC, NYT).

JAPAN

7. JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS UITI DRAFTIV' OEGISLATION DESIGNED TO REGULATE JAPANESE COMPANIES' OPERATIONS ABROAD IN ATTEMPT TO AVOID ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL UPHEAVALS IN OTHER NATIONS. LEGISLATION EXPECTED TO PASS, GIVING MITI POWER TO REVISE PRIVATE COMPANY PLANS FOR NEW OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS AND TO ORDER MODIFICATIONS IN OPERATIONS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE.

8. NIPPON STEEL, NIPPON KOKAN, AND SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES WIN 15 MILLION DOL CONTRACT FOR NORTH SEA OIL PIPELINE, SECOND PIPELINE CONTRACT WON THERE BY JAPAN THIS YEAR (JOC).

9. JAPAN MARUZEN OIL GETS BANK OF AMERICA LOAN TO HELP FINANCE CRUDE IMPORTS (CSM).

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10. TREASURER CREAN ANNOUNCES LARGE IMMIGRATION QUOTA CUTBACK AS PART OF ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM. TOTAL REDUCED BY 30,000 FROM LAST YEAR TO 80,000 FOR '74-'75. CUTS TO AID ASSISTANCE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND INCREASED TAXES ALSO ANNOUNCED (UPI, JOC; CHITRIB).

11. CSM'S TOOHEY REPORTS AUSTRALIAN PLANS TO ESTABLISH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION HASTENED BY BIPARTISAN SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE DISCLOSURESOF EXTENSIVE MALPRACTICES IN STOCK DEALINGS.

12. UNION BANS AND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BLAMED BY AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD FOR WHEAT SHIPMENT DELAYS COSTING THEM 500,000 DOLS (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

KOREA

13. IN CONTEXT S. KOREA POLITICAL ARRESTS AND TRIALS, CSM DECLARES THAT PARK'S ATTENTION SHOULD BE DRAWN TO SECTION 32 OF FOREIGN ID ACT ON DENIAL OF ECON OR MIL ASSISTANCE TO ANY FOREIGN GOVT. WHICH PRACTICES INTERNMENT OR IMPRISONMENT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. SAYS WHAT MUST BE BROUGHT HOME TO GROK IS DANGER IT IS BRINGING TO ITSELF, TO S. KOREA AND TO DELICATE INTERNATIONAL BALANCE OF WHOLE REGION BY ITS ATTEMPT TO REPRESS ALL POLITICAL DISSENT. RECALLS THAT LESSER PROVOCATION HAS ALREADY PRODUCED ONE POPULAR UPRISING WHICH BROUGHT DOWN RHEE GOVT. TODAY POSSIBILITIES FOR CHAOS ARE EVT TO BATER. BUT US

TROOPS IN KOREA DID NOT ATTEMPT NO RVENE FOR PARK
AND THEY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO INTERVENE FOR PARK
SHOULD ANOTHER REBELLION OCCUR. SUCH DISTURBANCE
COULD INVITE INTERVENTION BY NK, CONFRONTING US WITH
MORE WARFARE. CONCLUDES IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR
TO PARK THAT CONGRESS AND AMERICANS WOULD NOT TOLERATE

FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN ASIA UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES;
AND IF HE DOES NOT REVERSE HIS COURSE, US MAY BE FORCED
TO REASSESS ITS POLICY OF MIL AND ECON SUPPORT.
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CHINA

14. BOB BARNETT (SUN) EXPRESSES VIEW THAT TRUST IN
SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, AS CONTRACT BETWEEN GOVTS.
RATHER THAN PRIVATE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HAK AND
CHOU, SHOULD BE RESTORED. THINKS WASHINGTON'S
COMMITMENT TO DETENTE WOULD BE REINFORCED BY SEEING
THAT VARIETY OF MORE OR LESS INCONSPICUOUS ACTIONS
BEGIN TO ORIGINATE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF USG - WITH
RESPECT TO TAIWAN.

FIRST OF SEVERAL MOVES COULD BE FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH
TO APPLAUD SENATE APPROVAL OF S.3473 WHERE, IN SECTION
FOUR, 1955 FORMOSA RESOLUTION IS REPEALED. RESOLUTION
GAVE CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY FOR WASHINGTON'S SUPPORT
OF TAIPEI DURING QUEYMOY CRISIS WHICH PLANTED SEEDS
OF DISTRUST BETWEEN PEKING AND MOSCOW; CRISIS ALSO
REVEALED QUEYMOY WAS, FROM PEKING'S STANDPOINT, WORTH-
LESS IN ITSELF BUT WAS SYMBOL OF PEKING'S AND TAIPEI'S
COMMON CONTENTION THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA -
A STRATEGIC LINCHPIN. EXECUTIVE BRANCH SHOULD APPLAUD
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WHICH, CONSISTENT WITH COMMUNIQUE,
SAYS FUTURE OF OFFSHORE ISLANDS IS BUSINESS OF CHINESE
ALONE.

SECOND, US SHOULD ENCOURAGE TAIPEI TO DIFFERENTIATE
DETENTE, WHICH CAN PRESENT CONSTRUCTIVE TACTICAL
OPPORTUNITIES, FROM RAPPROCHEMENT, WHICH MIGHT HAVE
FAR-REACHING STRATEGIC CONSEQUENCES. TAIPEI NOW
STANDS STIFFLY ASIDE FROM DETENTE WITH PEKING BEING
SOUGHT BY WASHINGTON, TOKYO AND MANY S AND SEA COUNTRIES.
US SHOULD INFORM TAIPEI PLAINLY THAT FOR IT NOT TO
TRADE OR TALK WITH PRC CREATES RISK OF BEING VIEWED
AS TROUBLEMAKER WITHIN AREA, AND, IN TIME, PROSPECT OF
CRIPPLING ISOLATION FOR ITSELF.

THIRD, US SHOULD MAKE FOR ITSELF FREQUENT OPPORTUNITY
TO ADVERTISE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF ITS MIL FORCES
ON AND RELATED TO TAIWAN AND EXPLAIN THAT THEY
REPRESENT CARRYING OUT GENERAL STRATEGIC INTENTION

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OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH SHOULD ALSO DECLARE THAT LONGER-TERM US GOAL IS ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL-SCALE US DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN PEKING, WHILE PRESERVING

SOMETHING LIKE USLO IN TAIPEI. SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE RECONFIRMED SIGNIFICANTLY IN HAVING WASHINGTON SEEM TO BE DECLARING THAT TAIWAN SHOULD BE BUT ANOTHER PROVINCE OF ONE CHINA, WITH PEKING ADMINISTERING CHINA'S FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICIES, THUS ELIMINATING TAIWAN STRAIT AS ARENA FOR FOREIGN MIL INTERVENTION, WHILE AT SAME TIME INDICATING THAT DIFFERENT HISTORICAL, ECON AND CULTURAL REALITIES OF TAIWAN JUSTIFIED POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT ALLOWED DIFFERENCES, AND SOME SEPARATENESS FOR TAIWAN.

BARNETT CONCEDES THAT PEKING AND TAIPEI MIGHT WELL HAVE OBJECTIONS TO ANY POSITION BY WASHINGTON, PERHAPS ARGUING THAT IT CONSTITUTES INTERVENTION IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, BARNETT CONTENDS THAT SO LONG AS 1954 MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY REMAINS ON BOOKS, US IS ENTITLED TO EXPRESS VIEW AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE DONE BY OTHERS TO MAKE THAT TREATY IRRELEVANT. WERE WE TO DECLARE THIS OUR HOPE AND WISH, HE CONCLUDES, TAIPEI MIGHT ACT IN WAYS DESIGNED TO CONVINCE AMERICANS THAT IT DESERVED PROTECTION BECAUSE IT HAD NO HOSTILE INTENT OF ITS OWN TOWARD ANYONE; MEANWHILE, PEKING MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO OFFER TAIPEI ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ACCOMMODATE PEACEFULLY TWO ECON AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS ONE TO THE OTHER, CREDIBLY ENDING JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY FUTURE US INTERFERENCE IN CHINESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

15. IN HK-DATELINED ARTICLE, LAT'S ELEGANT (JULY 22) REPORTS "EXTREME LEFTISTS" ORGANIZING PRIVATE ARMIES TO TOPPLE CHOU AND SEIZE POWER. WELL-EQUIPPED "URBAN MILITIA" NOW BEING MOBILIZED ARE VIRTUALLY INDEPENDENT OF CENTRAL GOVT. AND CCP, AS WELL AS NORMAL POLICE FORCE AND PLA, AND OPERATE UNDER CLOSE PERSONAL CONTROL OF WANG HUNG-WEN.

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FORMATION OF UNITS BEGAN IN SHANGHAI, WHERE LEFTISTS RUN GOVT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, PEKING SAW ESTABLISHMENT OF "URBAN MILITIA." "MILITIA COMMANDANT" HA ;JUST BEEN APPOINTED IN NANCHANG, CAPITAL OF KIANGSI PROVINCE, WHOSE LEADERS HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH CHIANG

CHING.

ELEGANT NOTES LEFTIST STATEMENTS STRESSING TWO CENTRAL POINTS: THEY BELIEVE NO COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE IN PRESENT POWER STUGGLE, AND ARE DETERMINED TO USE ALL FORCE THEY CAN MUSTER TO ATTAIN THEIR PURPOSES. THINKS

ODDS ARE AGAINST RADICALS SUCCESSFULLY ATTAINING POWER BY SEIZING CITIES WITH TIGHTLY KNIT URBAN MILITIA, BUT SAYS ODDS ARE NOT IMPOSSIBLY LONG.

OBSERVES RADICALS DEMONSTRATING THEIR CONFIDENCE BY BOLDNESS WITH WHICH THEY HAVE ATTACKED ENEMIES. IMMEDIATE TARGETS WERE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS CHOU AND TENG HSIAO-PING IN RECENT ARTICLE IN KWANG MING DAILY, WHICH INCLINES STRONGLY TO LEFT; SIGNIFICANTLY, PEKING PEOPLE'S DAILY REFRAINED FROM LAUDING "URBAN MILITIA MOVEMENT." KWANG MING MADE FRANKEST AND CLEAREST IDENTIFICATION OF LEFTISTS' OPPONENTS IN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF BEATING THE DROWNING DOG," WHICH EXPLICITLY CALLED FOR VIOLENCE. ARTICLE WAS ONE OF SEVERAL ON FULL PAGE EXTOLLING "URBAN MILITIA" AS "ARMED WORKING CLASS." ELEGANT NOTES "BEAT THE DROWNING DOG" IS QUOTATION FROM CHINA'S FOREMOST 20TH-CENTURY WRITER, LU HSUN; QUOTATION WAS POPULAR SLOGAN DURING GPCR AND IMPLIES: KICK YOUR ENEMY WHILE HE IS DOWN TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET UP. VIEWS "DROWNING DOG" AS APPARENT REFERENCE TO CHOU'S RECENT HOSPITALIZATION, CITING ARTICLE THAT "DROWNING DOG IS STILL A DOG, AND HIS VICIOUS NATURE CANNOT CHANGE...OVERTHROWN CLASS ENEMY IS STILL A CLASS ENEMY, AND HIS CLASS NATURE CANNOT CHANGE." KWANG MING ARTICLE IS ILLUSTRATED WITH PHOTO OF MOTORCYCLE-MOUNTED, RIFLE-ARMED MILITIA WOMAN FROM 11TH NATIONAL COTTON MILL, WHICH WAS POLITICAL BASE FROM WHICH WANG UNCLASSIFIED

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HUNG-WEN SPRANG TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE, ELEGANT NOTES.

ELEGANT SAYS NI CHIH-FU IS COMMANDANT OF PEKING URBAN MILITIA AND MAY BE IN NOMINAL COMMAND OF NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT. IDENTIFIES NI AS ALTERNATE MEMBER OF POLITBURO, OF SHANGHAI WORKER ORIGIN AND CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH CHIANG CHING AND WANG HUNG-WEN.

PHILIPPINES

16. RETIRED-FSO PAUL KATTENBURG, IN NYT, QUOTES MARCOS THAT PRINCIPAL ELECTED OPPOSITION LEADERS AQUINO AND DIOKNO COULD REGAIN FREEDOM BUT CHOOSE TO STAY" IN PRISON. CALLS STATEMENT "ALL THE SADDER"

BECAUSE MAY BE SHARED BY NUMBER OF LEADING US OFFICIALS WHO SEEM TO HAVE PERSUADED THEMSELVES THAT BOTH PREFER POTENTIAL MARTYRDOM TO LIFE IN FREEDOM. DESCRIBES IMPRISONMENT, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHARGES, OF AQUINO, AND DIOKNO (SUFFERING FROM CANCER) UNDER DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS EVER SINCE MARTIAL LAW DECREED; SAYS FAMILIES HARASSED AND ATTORNEYS THREATENED.

OPINES THAT CASES DESERVE MORE ATTENTION IN US SINCE INVOLVE IMPRISONMENT OF TWO OF ASIA'S "ABLEST LEADERS." AQUINO WAS YOUNG WAR CORRESPONDENT, ELECTED MAYOR OF HOME TOWN AT 25, THEN PROVINCE GOVERNOR AND FINALLY YOUNGEST EVER ELECTED TO SENATE. HE ESPOUSED CAUSE OF OPPRESSED POOR OF CENTRAL LUZON, AND WIDESPREAD VIEW IN PHILS IS THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT IN 1973 IF FREE ELECTIONS HELD.

KATTENBURG SEES AQUINO AS "OCCASIONALLY IMPRUDENT," BUT DIOKNO AS MATURE, PRUDENT, CAUTIOUS AND WISE. MARCOS CUT THEM OFF "IN MIDFLIGHT," SO DEPRIVED OPPOSITION OF BEST-KNOWN LEADERS, THOUGH OPPOSITION NOW REVIVING AND INCLUDES RC PRIESTS. SAYS FILS RESENT LOSS OF FREEDOM, WONDER AT US SILENCE. BELIEVES ANY CONDITIONAL RELEASE DEPRIVING THEM OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD WOULD BE "UNTHINKABLE," AND ONLY FREEDOM AT HOME OR EXILE WITH FAMILIES COULD BEGIN ATONEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR "RAPE OF FILIPINO DEMOCRACY."

JAPAN

17. LAT'S JAMESON (JULY 21) IN TOKYO CONTRASTS TANAKA'S PERSONALITY WITH THAT OF OHIRA, STRESSING LATTER'S POLITICAL STYLE AS REFLECTED IN HIS JULY 7 ELECTION CAMPAIGN EFFORTS. NOTES BOTH BOOSTED THEIR FACTIONAL FOLLOWINGS IN ELECTION, STRENGTHENING THEIR PARTNERSHIP AGAINST CHIEF WOULD-BE CHALLENGER, FUKUDA.

18. FROM TOKYO, LAT'S JAMESON (JULY 20) REPORTS COMMENTS BY KIMURA IN SERIES OF SEPARATE INTERVIEWS GIVEN JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS. SAID HE WOULD URGE PARLIAMENT TO RATIFY NPT QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE -- DESPITE WHAT HE CALLED NEW TREND TOWARD PROLIFERATION ELSEWHERE -- BECAUSE SUCH ACTION WOULD DISPEL FEARS AND SUSPICIONS OVERSEAS THAT JAPAN SECRETLY WISHED TO BUILD MILITARY MIGHT. KIMURA SAID JAPAN WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE FRIENDSHIP WITH US -- AND MST -- "THE CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF THAT FRIENDSHIP." SAID HE WOULD MAKE HIS FIRST US VISIT AS FORMIN IN LATE SEPTEMBER, AS PART OF UNGA VISIT. JAPAN, HE SAID, WOULD WELCOME NIXON VISIT WITHIN THIS YEAR. ADDED THAT "NO DEVELOPMENTS

AT ALL" HAVE OCCURRED CONCERNING SUCH VISIT, EXCEPT THAT IT WON'T COME IN AUGUST. FORMIN OFFICIALS PRIVATELY SAY THAT TWO MONTHS PREPARATIONS ARE NORMALLY NEEDED FOR SUCH STATE VISIT, POINTING OUT TANAKA WOULD BE OUT OF JAPAN FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS FROM SEPT 12 AND AGAIN FROM OCT 28 TO NOV 8.

MALAYSIA

19. LAT'S ELEGANT IN KL (JULY 21) WRITES EXTENSIVELY OF GOM EFFORTS TO ENHANCE POSITION OF MALAYS IN COUNTRY'S MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY BY BESTOWING GREATER BENEFITS AT EXPENSE OF MINORITIES AND MAKING BAHASA MALAYU COMPULSORY LANGUAGE OF EDUCATION, LAW AND SOCIAL INTERCOURSE FOR ALL MALAYSIANS. OBSERVES THAT AT TIME WHEN THE US AND MANY OTHER MIXED NATIONS ARE STRIVING TOWARD CULTURAL AND RACIAL ASSIMILATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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MALAYSIA IS WORKING TO IMPOSE STANDARDS AND VALUES ALREADY OVERTAKEN BY TIME. CITES OLD MALAYSIAN HAND THAT, "THERE IS A WHIFF OF SUKARNOISM IN THE AIR. LIKE SUKARNO, THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT IS STRESSING NARROWLY NATIONALISTIC GOALS - AND IT'S OUTDOING SUKARNO IN ITS LATENT RACISM." ELEGANT OBSERVES THAT CHINESE AND INDIANS ARE GROWING RESTIVE UNDER INCREASINGLY STRINGENT MALAYSIANIZATION, AND MALAYS ARE STIRRING UNEASILY WHEN REMOVED FROM THEIR RURAL VILLAGES INTO URBAN CENTERS. COMMENTS THAT SECOND ONLY TO SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA IS STILL BEST-GOVERNED, MOST ORDERLY, AND MOST DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY IN SEA; BUT PRESSURE IS BUILDING UP.

20. IN SEPARATE KL-DATELINED ARTTICLE, LAT'S ELEGANT (JULY 22) DISCUSSES THRUST OF GOM'S "NEW ECONOMIC POLICY" THAT BEGAN IN 1971 TO IMPROVE LIVING STANDARD OF PREDOMINANTLY RURAL, AGRICULTURAL MALAYS IN RELATION TO URBAN CHINESE. SAYS GOAL IS RELATIVELY MODEST: 30 PERCENT MALAY OWNERSHIP OF COUNTRY'S WEALTH BY 1990 -- FIGURE THAT DISREGARDS MALAY OWNERSHIP OF MOST LAND. THINKS CHANCES OF ATTAINING GOAL ARE NOT GOOD, FEELING THAT THE GREATER ECONOMIC PROGRESS, THE LESS LIKELIHOOD OF MALAYS ATTAINING GREATER EQUITY. MALAY WEALTH AND INCOMES WILL DOUBTEDLY GROW DURING COMING YEARS, BUT CHINESE WEALTH AND INCOMES WILL INCREASE EVEN MORE RAPIDLY, SAYS ELEGANT.

THINKS CHIEF REALISTIC HOPE OF INCREASING MALAY SHARE OF ECONOMIC PIE IS GOM'S ACQUIRING INTERESTS IN RAW MATERIAL AND BASIC INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, INTERESTS WHICH CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO PRIVATE MALAY OWNERSHIP

THROUGH SUBSIDIES AND LONG-TERM, INTEREST LOANS.
POLICY MIGHT WORK, ACCORDING ELEGANT, IN LOW-TECHNOLOGY
AREAS LIKE RUBBER AND PALM OIL PLANTATIONS, BUT UNLIKELY
TO BE EFFECTIVE IN INDUSTRY. PROBLEM IS THAT MALAYS
ARE NEITHER COMMERCIALLY MINDED NOR TECHNOLOGICALLY
TRAINED. WILL TAKE MORE THAN 16 YEARS TO PRODUCE

GENERATION OF MALAYS WITH SKILLS EQUAL TO THOSE CHINESE
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ALREADY HAVE; COULD TAKE MUCH LONGER TO INCULCATE
"PROTESTANT ETHIC" OF HARD WORK FOR SAKE OF DOLLAR.

MEANWHILE, ELEGANT CONSIDERS MALAYSIA OUTSTANDING
IN SEA FOR ORDERLY GOVT. AND ECONOMIC ACUMEN.
ATTRIBUTES COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS MAINLY TO
WORLDWIDE INCREASE IN RAW MATERIAL PRICES, INCREASE
IN EXPORTS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC INVESTMENTS.

AUSTRALIA

21. LAT'S LAMB (JULY 21) IN MELBOURNE WRITES FEATURE
STORY ABOUT AMERICAN TEACHERS IN AUSTRALIA. SAYS
WITH US ENDURING TEACHER SURPLUS AND AUSTRALIA
TRYING TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE, AUSSIES' "TEACH-AS-
YOU-GO" RECRUITMENT PROGRAM HAS BECOME BIGGEST
LOCAL HIT ATTRACTION ON EDUCATIONAL SCENE; AND
THERE ARE NOW VERY FEW SCHOOLS IN VICTORIA OR
NSW WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN TEACHER. PROGRAM
SO SUCCESSFUL THAT STATE OF VICTORIA RECENTLY
ANNOUNCED IT HAD SIGNED 830,000 DOL TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT WITH QUANTAS TO BRING OVER 1,650 MORE US
TEACHERS, 120 FROM CANADA AND 110 FROM UK IN NEXT
18 MONTHS. KISSINGER

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